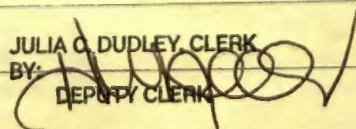


In The United States District Court For  
 The Western District of Virginia  
 Charlottesville Division  
 Sines, et al, Plaintiffs Vs  
 Kessler, et al, Defendants  
 Civil Action 3:17-CV-00072

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Sworn Declaration of Christopher Cantwell  
 Dated 6-10-2022

I, Christopher Cantwell, do aver under  
 penalty of perjury that the following  
 is true and correct on this 10<sup>th</sup> day  
 of June 2022

- 1.) At mail call on 5-18-2022 I asked  
 Mr. Simpkins for certified mail slips to  
 send documents to this Court. Mr. Simpkins  
 said he didn't have any, and indicated  
 they had been unavailable for some time  
 with no indication of when they'd be  
 available again. This is a recurring problem  
 in the CMU.
- 2.) I told Mr. Simpkins "You have a unit full  
 of litigants here, and when you prevent us  
 from sending certified mail, it's suspicious"
- 3.) In reply, Mr. Simpkins said he might have  
 one in his desk, and that if I gave him  
 the mail, he would apply the certification,
- 4.) I gave Mr. Simpkins a 9x12 envelope  
 addressed to the Court with 11 Forever  
 Stamps, containing 17 pages. A 4 page declaration,  
 4 pages of exhibits, and a 9 page motion. Dated 5-17-



- 5.) At mail call on 5-20-2022, Ms. Hill gave me Mr. ReBrooks's Reply to Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants Motion Challenging Punitive Damages, postmarked 5-9-2022
- 6.) On 6-1-2022, Mr. Simpkins informed me that he "forgot" to apply the certified mail label referenced in Paragraph 3, but that the mail still was sent to the court.
- 7.) On 6-8-2022 I filled out two BP-8 forms raising complaints about the certified mail issues and the typing wheel issues.
- 8.) On 6-9-2022 at Mail call, Ms. Hill gave me an envelope from the court postmarked 5-21-2022 containing ECF 1598 and ECF 1600. The envelope was stamped "Mail to be opened in presence of inmate, but, per habit the CMU ignored the Court's instructions and it had been opened outside my presence."

Respectfully Submitted  
Christopher Cartwell  
6-10-2022



mail  
steps  
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Attachment A

Administrative Remedy - Informal Resolution  
Marion, IllinoisInmate's Name Cantwell Reg No. 00991-59 Unit I Date 6-8-22

**NOTICE** You are advised that prior to filing a Request for Administrative Remedy (BP-9), you **MUST** attempt to informally resolve your complaint through your counselor. Please follow the three (3) steps listed below

1. State your specific complaint For over 2 months I have been unable to obtain certified mail slips from staff. This presents a major problem for me as a pro se litigant.  
The last time I had certified mail to send I paid for certified postage and gave it to Simpkins but he didn't send it certified
2. State what efforts you have made to informally resolve your complaint I have waited patiently for two months and sent my correspondence uncertified and put in a CO2 out and spoken to Hill and Simpkins.
3. State what resolution you request Provide me with 10 certified mail slips.  
Reimburse me 6 forever stamps.  
Keep certified mail slips available.  
Take seriously the needs of inmate litigants

Inmate's Signature: C Cantwell Date: 6-8-22

4. Correctional Counselor's Comments (Steps to Resolve) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Manager's Review: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	Received by Counselor from inmate	Attempted informal with inmate by Counselor	BP-9 given to inmate	BP-9 Delivered to Admin Remedy Clerk
Date				
Time				
Counselor				

TRULINCS 00991509 - CANTWELL, CHRISTOPHER - Unit: MAR-I-A

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FROM: 00991509

TO: CMU

SUBJECT: \*\*\*Request to Staff\*\*\* CANTWELL, CHRISTOPHER, Reg# 00991509, MAR-I-A

DATE: 06/01/2022 06:01:22 PM

To: Simpkins

Inmate Work Assignment: None

You'll recall our conversation from earlier today, wherein you informed me that you forgot to apply the certified mail label to the envelope I gave you on 5-18-2022, as you told me you would.

Because of this, I overpaid substantially for postage. This on top of the fact that I had already overcompensated for weight, since I did not have access to the postage scale on account of us being locked on our ranges at the time of mail call.

The envelope had 11 forever stamps on it. I wonder if you might be able to arrange for me to be reimbursed for 6 of those.

I would also appreciate if you could help me acquire 10 or so certified mail slips to keep in my locker, to avoid such a circumstance arising in the future.

Thank you.



Attachment A

Administrative Remedy - Informal Resolution  
Marion, Illinois

Typing  
wheel  
OS

Inmate's Name Contwell Reg No. 00991-509 Unit I Date 6-8-22  
 NOTICE You are advised that prior to filing a Request for Administrative Remedy (BP-9), you MUST attempt to informally resolve your complaint through your counselor. Please follow the three (3) steps listed below

1. State your specific complaint For over a year, the commissary has been out of stock on typing wheels. Without a typing wheel, one cannot use the typewriter. Commissary has no indication typing wheels will ever be restocked.
2. State what efforts you have made to informally resolve your complaint I have filled out dozens of commissary orders requesting a typing wheel, put in at least 3 go outs, asked multiple staff members, and waited patiently for over a year.
3. State what resolution you request A stock typing wheels or get new typewriters. Take seriously the needs of pro se litigants.

Inmate's Signature: C Contwell Date: 6-8-22

4. Correctional Counselor's Comments (Steps to Resolve) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Counselor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Manager's Review: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	Received by Counselor from inmate	Attempted informal with inmate by Counselor	BP-9 given to inmate	BP-9 Delivered to Admin Remedy Clerk
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